




# Connected

## Connected Gets a Brand New Look and Feel

We appreciate all of the feedback you’ve given us on how we can make Connected more helpful to you. In response to your requests, we’re not only freshening up the content a bit, we’re also freshening up our look! With the

revised Connected, you’ll have a slightly larger publication with new features such as the ability to access the Marietta Power and Water website in no time with QR codes. Watch for more of your requests in upcoming issues. 

## The Georgia Public Service Commission Surveys Say: You Get the Best Electric Price with Marietta Power and Water

With Marietta Power and Water, you can rest easy with the knowledge that you’re paying the lowest electric rates in the area and getting the best service. Recent Georgia Public Service Commission survey results confirm that Marietta Power and Water’s electric rates are lower than both Cobb EMC and Georgia Power.

Even with rising costs, we’re still the best name in the utility game. Much of our success (that we pass along to you in the form of lower rates) has to do with differences in how we generate power in comparison to other utility companies.

“Marietta Power and Water receives 50 percent of its power from nuclear generators which are not subject to the same kind of environmental cost increases as coal generation. Our peers have a substantially lower percentage of nuclear energy,” explains Marietta Power and Water Director of Business Analysis Herb Edwards. “Environmental costs will continue to increase significantly over time. These costs relate to clean air regulations which require the installation of anti-pollution equipment on coal-fired generators. Therefore, the more coal-based generation in the utility’s fleet, the higher the cost impact,” he adds.

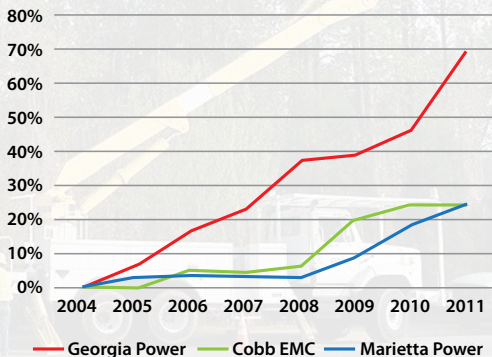
Rate comparisons show that Marietta Power and Water’s rates are considerably lower than our peer utilities. According to the Georgia Public Service Commission’s summer 2011 and winter 2012 residential rate surveys, the average monthly residential power bills for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month are as follows:

Georgia Power Company .....	\$124.37
Cobb EMC.....	\$109.89
Marietta Power .....	\$99.06

Although all utility company rates have been increasing over time, Marietta Power and Water’s rates have not increased as fast as others. The chart below reflects the percentage increases over the

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Percentage Rate Increase Since 2004




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past seven years for Georgia Power, Cobb EMC and Marietta Power and Water:

History shows that you can rely on Marietta Power and Water to consistently provide you with the lowest electric rates around. Isn't it reassuring to know that you're getting the best value for your

money? You've counted on us in the past, and you can count on us in the future.


For more information on Marietta Power and Water's electric rates, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 

## Prevent Outdoor Water Loss in Four Small Steps

-  Listen for running water outside your house and look for soft, wet spots on your service connection line.
-  Downsize your garden hose. A five-eighths-inch hose carries more than 1,000 gallons in an hour. Reduce your garden hose size to half an inch for watering. The smaller size is not only lighter; it also provides about 600 gallons an hour, which is more than adequate for watering.
-  Use a hose nozzle that can be shut off or adjusted to fine spray. To avoid leaks, shut off the water at the house instead of at the nozzle. If you discover a leak in the connector, replace the rubber washer.
-  Make sure outdoor faucets are completely turned off after use. If a drip continues, turn

off your water main and replace the washers in the faucet. If the drip still continues, replace the whole faucet. A pinhole leak in an outside faucet can waste 170 gallons of water in 24 hours.

Even slow drips can have a substantial impact on your water bill. Marietta Power and Water's water drip calculator can show you how those little drops of water can add up to whopping water and money loss. Check out the water drip calculator on the Marietta Power and Water website at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com).

Warmer weather doesn't have to mean higher water bills. Take care of all of your outdoor water-related tasks and save money by simply using water smarter. 

## 3 Things YOU can do at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com)

Pay Your Bill online



Learn about our web based Home Energy Calculator



Use the Water and Energy Calculators



## Calendar

### Thursday, May 3

Symphony on the Square's 3rd Annual Spring Concert

For more information call (770) 874-8525 or visit [www.symphonyonthesquare.org](http://www.symphonyonthesquare.org).

### May 5 and 6

36th Annual May-retta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival

For more information call (770) 794-5601.

### Thursday, May 10

Hearts for Heroes

For more information visit [www.mariettahistory.org](http://www.mariettahistory.org).

### Saturday, May 12

Marietta Square Artists Market

For more information visit [www.artistsmarketmarietta.com](http://www.artistsmarketmarietta.com).



**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, May 28 in honor of Memorial Day.**

### Saturday, May 26

Belles, Beaus and Barbecue:

A Gone With the Wind Celebration

For more information visit [www.gwtwmarietta.com](http://www.gwtwmarietta.com).

### Saturdays and Sundays

The Marietta Square Farmer's Market

For more information call (770) 499-9393 or visit [www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net).

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